



# Media Information

Columbus Division of Police  
Major Crimes Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: 6/3/2021

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Type of Offense/Incident: Homicide

Date: 5/26/21

Time: 5:08am

Location of Offense/Incident: 1023 Geers Avenue

Zone: 5

Precinct: 11

Incident Report #: 210370391

Cruiser District: 112

Victim: Brown, Bryson

Sex: Male

Race: Black

Age: 4

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Victim:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Suspect: Michelle Lynne Hilyard

Address: 1023 Geers Avenue

☒ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: Female

Race: White

Age: 48

Charges: Murder

Suspect:

Address:

☐ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Charges:

**Incident Summary:** Update 6/3/2021 - Michelle Hilyard was arrested and charged with murder as a result of the investigation into the death of Bryson Brown.

On May 26, 2021, at 5:08 a.m., Patrol officers responded to 1023 Geers Avenue on an unresponsive 4 year old boy. Columbus Division of Fire Medics (M15) also responded and immediately transported the child to Nationwide Children's Hospital. The victim was later pronounced dead at 6:05 a.m. Due to the nature of the injuries, this death is being investigated as a homicide. No charges have been filed. The investigation continues.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to call Columbus Police Homicide Unit at (614) 645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477). This is the 81st homicide in Columbus Ohio in Calendar Year 2021.

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